

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A method of trapping insects with an insect trap having a housing defining an entrance open to the ambient and allowing access to an interior of the housing and a trapping area disposed below the entrance, the method comprising the step of:

coating a zone of or within the housing with a composition including particles comprising a magnetic material, ~~whereby~~ inducing an insect in contact with the composition to become ~~becomes~~ at least partially coated with the composition and ~~[[is]]~~ destabilized, thereby falling into the trapping area;

wherein the particles have an average particle size diameter in the range of 2 to 100 μ m.

Claim 2. (Canceled).

Claim 3. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the magnetic material is a ferromagnetic oxide.

Claim 4. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the particles are applied to a surface in an area of the zone of or within the housing in which pests are present.

Claim 5. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the composition comprises at least 10% by weight of magnetic particles.

Claim 6. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein a pesticide or behavior modifying chemical is admixed with the particles of the magnetic material.

Claim 7. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein a pesticide or behavior modifying chemical is coated onto the particles of the magnetic material.

Claim 8. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the particles are composite particles which each comprise a core of an inert substrate which is impregnated with and/or coated with the magnetic material.

Claim 9. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 8 wherein the core comprises silicon dioxide, magnesium silicate, diatomaceous earth, cellulose or a natural or synthetic polymer.

Claim 10. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 8 wherein the inert substrate has a pesticide or behavior modifying chemical impregnated thereon or associated therewith.

Claim 11. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 10 wherein the pesticide is an insecticide, fungicide, acaricide, insect growth regulator or chemosterilant.

Claim 12. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim [[1]] 10 wherein the pesticide is a bacterium, virus or fungus.

Claim 13. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim [[1]] 10 wherein the behavior modifying chemical is a pheromone.

Claim 14. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim [[6]] 10 wherein the pesticide or behavior modifying chemical comprises at least 0.1% by weight of the cores of the particles.

Claims 15 -22. (Canceled)

Claim 23. (Currently Amended) An insect trap comprises a housing having an entrance open to the ambient and allowing access to an interior of the housing, a zone of the housing or a zone within the housing comprising a magnetically polarized material and the zone being coated with a composition suitable for adhering to insects including particles comprising a magnetic material of opposite polarity to that of the magnetically polarized material;

wherein the particles have an average particle size diameter in the range of 2 to 100 μ m.

Claim 24. (Original) An insect trap as claimed in claim 23 wherein the zone of the magnetically polarized material is formed by a portion of at least one wall of the housing.

Claim 25. (Previously Presented) An insect trap as claimed in claim 23 wherein the zone of the magnetically polarized material comprises a removable insert placed within the housing.

Claim 26. (Previously Presented) An insect trap as claimed in claim 23 wherein the zone has a surface which is inclined to the horizontal.

Claim 27. (Previously Presented) An insect trap as claimed in claim 23 wherein the magnetic material is a ferromagnetic oxide.

Claim 28. (Currently Amended) An insect trap as claimed in claim 23 wherein the ~~zone is coated with~~ particles further comprise [[of]] a pesticidal composition.

Claim 29. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the composition consists of the magnetic particles.

Claims 30 - 45 (Canceled)

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Claim 46. (Previously Presented) An insect trap according to claim 23, wherein the composition consists of the magnetic particles.

Claim 47. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 4, wherein said surface is inclined to the horizontal.

Claims 48 - 50. (Canceled)